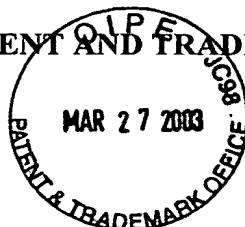


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. MERCK-2384

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Helmut PRUCHER
 SERIAL NO: 10/069,054
 FILING DATE: February 21, 2002
 FOR: PIPERIDINE ALCOHOLS



GAU: 1625
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: **Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132; PTO-1449 Form**

The fee has been calculated below:

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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-3402. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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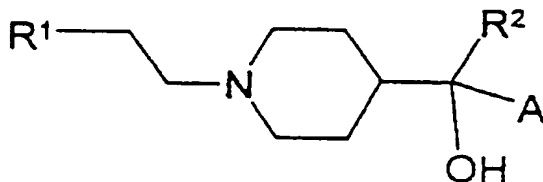
In reply to the Office Action of December 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound of formula I or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof



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